shot our men forced their way, having about 60 hurt and 10 killed, of whom my Lord's secretary, Master George Cranmer, was the only man of note of the enemy 80 are reported slain The army are now back in Dublin, where on the iyth the Lord Deputy knighted three English and one Irish, among them Captain Berry, who was one of the first that turned the fortune of the wars by a notorious valiant part he played, wherein he received five wounds, with so great admiration to the rebels themselves that they would not believe but that he was a devil

1st December MY LORD OF ESSEX'S PA.SSIONS

Now that her Majesty hath deprived the Earl of Essex of all hope of the farm of sweet wines, it is confidently said that my Lord is vexed at heart and all on fire with indignation, insomuch that he hearkeneth to his friends who insinuate to him that now at length it plainly appeareth that the Queen, the Council and his adversaries are resolved to thrust him down into that extremity of poverty that he shall be forced to live upon the alms-basket, and being once become a poor man and neglected by the Queen, he will soon be neglected and slighted by all men, forsaken by his friends and scorned, insulted and triumphed over by his enemies One who hath been with him lately reporteth that he is shifted from sorrow and repentance to rage and rebellion so suddenly as well proveth him devoid of good reason or right mind, uttering strange words bordering on strange designs, and his speeches of the Queen such as becometh no man that hath his right wits My Lord hath ill advisers, and especially Henry Cuffe his man This Cuffe is a man of secret ambitious ends of his own and of proportionate counsels smothered under the habit of a scholar, and slubbered over with a

certain rude clownish fashion that hath the semblance of integrity

yd December THE QUEEN'S LETTER TO LORD MOUNTJOY

Of late the Lord Deputy having complained that he is but slenderly supported at home and maligned by his enemies likened himself to a scullion, which coming to the Queen's ears she wrote with her own hands to this effect * Mistress Kitchen-maid, I had not thought that precedency had been ever in question but among the higher and greater sort , but now I find by good proof that some of more dignity and greater